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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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For: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/UNITY OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction/unity of invention requirement set forth in the Official Action dated January 27, 2009, applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I which currently contains claims 1-17, 23 and 24. This election is made without traverse and applicants reserve the right to pursue one or more divisional applications relating to the non-elected subject matter.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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